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SUBJECT: Chile - Proposed OPIC Financing for Microfinance Growth Fund

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Reftel requests post comments on a Chilean institution, Fondo Esperanza, that might be considered for a loan from the Microfinance Growth Fund, which in turn is under consideration for an OPIC loan. Fondo Esperanza is favorably known to the Embassy for its work providing microcredit to individuals (mostly women) from disadvantaged communities in Chile.

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